

## Outcomes of Applications for Disabled-Worker Benefits

**Table 50.**  
**Outcomes at all adjudicative levels, by year of application, 1992–2001**

Year	Total	Pending final decision	Technical denials <sup>a</sup>	Medical decisions				Award rate <sup>d</sup> (percent)	Allowance rate <sup>e</sup> (percent)
				Denials		Allowances			
				Medical	Subsequent nonmedical <sup>b</sup>	Awards	Subsequent denials <sup>c</sup>		
1992	1,310,004	0	130,885	481,439	5,725	689,111	2,844	52.6	58.8
1993	1,384,501	0	140,314	540,998	5,626	694,915	2,648	50.2	56.2
1994	1,383,092	0	130,246	573,402	5,507	671,540	2,397	48.6	53.9
1995	1,301,472	6,156	123,651	536,589	5,052	627,788	2,236	48.5	53.9
1996	1,313,818	7,586	116,932	531,269	5,014	650,901	2,116	49.8	55.0
1997	1,164,680	8,321	106,807	443,910	4,219	599,564	1,859	51.8	57.4
1998	1,138,101	10,420	96,627	415,648	4,220	609,141	2,045	54.0	59.4
1999	1,167,664	21,287	102,203	407,277	4,040	631,067	1,790	55.0	60.7
2000	1,257,160	73,927	133,821	405,907	3,930	637,677	1,898	53.9	61.1
2001	1,388,090	239,575	167,075	415,530	3,836	560,094	1,980	48.8	57.4

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research file, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data for the initial and reconsideration levels are current through June 2002. Data for the hearing level or above are current through July 2002.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the award and allowance rates will change over time. Cases can be pending at the initial or appellate levels and can include either medical or technical issues.

Includes decisions for Social Security-only applications and applications for both Social Security and SSI. Does not include SSI-only applications.

- a. Applications denied for nonmedical reasons so no decision was made on severity of impairment.
- b. Applications denied for nonmedical reasons after a decision was made that applicant did not meet the medical severity criteria for disability benefits.
- c. Applications denied for nonmedical reasons after a decision was made that applicant met the medical severity criteria for disability benefits.
- d. Rate determined by dividing awards by all applications minus pending claims for that year.
- e. Rate determined by dividing medical allowances by all medical decisions for that year.

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